



HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

DRAFT MINUTES

**Thursday, January 28, 2016, Meeting
8:30 A.M. – Public Hearing, Council Chambers
Retreat, Council Conference Room**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Chair Martin Bernstein, Vice Chair Margaret Wimmer, Board Members David Bower, Beth Bunnenberg, Roger Kohler, Michael Makinen

Absent: Board Member Patricia DiCicco

Staff: Jodie Gerhardt, Current Planning Manager; Matthew Weintraub, Planner; Christy Fong, Planner; Alicia Spotwood, Administrative Associate II

Oral Communications

Leland Francois invited Board Members and the public to participate in sending gifts to Tuskegee Airmen and the George Washington Carver Agricultural Science Experiment Station.

Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions

None.

Minutes Approval: December 10, 2015

MOTION: Board Member Bower moved, seconded by Board Member Bunnenberg, to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2015, as presented.

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Public Hearings

- 1. 300 Homer Avenue [15PLN-00290]:** Request by Palo Alto History Museum for Historic and Architectural Review of the proposed historic rehabilitation of the existing 19,182 sq. ft. building, additions totaling 1,458 sq. ft., and landscape improvements to a Category 2 historic structure/site at 300 Homer Avenue, also known as the Palo Alto Medical Clinic and the Roth Building. Minor exceptions are requested to allow off-site parking and a front yard encroachment of three feet for the proposed additions at the rear elevation. The application includes a request of a Conditional Use permit to allow Community Facility uses. Environmental Assessment: Categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act under Class 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Class 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration and Rehabilitation). Zoning District: PF (Public Facilities) in SOFA CAP I.

Chair Bernstein requested Board Members make disclosures or recuse themselves. Board Member Bunnenberg recused herself from the item due to her long involvement as a volunteer with the project. Board Member Bower disclosed family contributions to the Palo Alto History Museum; however, he had received no financial benefit. Board Member Kohler disclosed contributions to the Palo Alto History Museum. Board Members disclosed their visits to the site.

Matthew Weintraub shared background information for the site. The prior approval for rehabilitation of the site had expired with no work being performed. The applicant proposed new rear editions, a new rooftop penthouse addition, landscape and site improvements and interior renovation. Mr. Weintraub reviewed details of proposals from the 2011 review and new proposals. Staff recommended the HRB recommend the application to the ARB as consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards for rehabilitation with conditions.

Board Members inquired of staff regarding the front yard encroachment and protection of mature cypress trees.

Mike Caravaglia, Architect, agreed with proposed conditions of approval and provided additional changes to comply with requests.

Board Members questioned the applicant regarding a timeline for beginning construction; retaining builder markers; accessibility to the café window; carved elements; the awning over the café window; the gable and glass roof; and color of the trellis.

MOTION: Chair Bernstein moved, seconded by Board Member Bower, that the HRB recommend to ARB that the project as presented is consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards for rehabilitation subject to the conditions of approval.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0, Bunnenberg not participating

Karen Holman explained the cypress trees along the rear of the property were installed originally as temporary landscape.

2. **HRB Retreat:** Will be held following the conclusion of the HRB Hearing. The items for discussion include (1) By-laws and Procedures and (2) HRB Work Plan.

Board/Staff Announcements, Updates, Reports, and Comments

Adjournment